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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-12 Canceled.

13. (Currently amended) A device for the illumination of an interior of a case of a personal computer, comprising:

(a) a base bracket for attaching said device to an inside of said computer case, said base bracket having the general geometry of an expansion slot cover bracket; wherein said base bracket can be inserted and secured to a space for said expansion slot cover bracket on a rear wall of said computer case, thereby positioning said device inside said computer case;

(b) self-contained power means and a housing thereof secured to at least one surface of said base bracket; said power means providing electricity to said device independent of a power supply of said computer;

(c) a flexible lamp neck having one end thereof extending from said housing of said power means and in electrical communication with said power means;

(d) a lamp in electrical communication with an opposite end of said lamp neck; and

(e) switch means in electrical communication with said power means.

14. (Previously presented) The device as recited in Claim 13, wherein said base bracket has an opening, and said switch means extends out from said opening and is accessible from outside of said rear wall of said computer case.

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15. (Previously presented) The device as recited in Claim 14, wherein said lamp further comprises a heat shield.

16. (Previously presented) The device as recited in Claim 14, wherein said flexible lamp neck has a length from 12 to 24 inches.

17. (Previously presented) The device as recited in Claim 14, wherein said power means comprises a battery.

18. (Previously presented) The device as recited in Claim 17, wherein said battery is rechargeable.

19. (Currently amended) A method of providing illumination to the inside of a case of a personal computer during periods of work with the hardware thereof, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) removing a pre-existing expansion slot cover bracket from a rear wall of said computer;

(b) inserting a base bracket of a lamp means into a void space generated from step (a) thereby positioning said lamp means inside of said computer case, wherein said lamp means comprises said base bracket having a substantial geometry of said expansion slot cover bracket; self-contained power means having a housing secured to one surface of said base bracket, said power means providing electricity to said lamp means independent of a power supply of said computer; and a switch means; a lamp; and a flexible lamp neck having one end thereof extending from said housing and an opposite end connected to said lamp;

(c) fastening said base bracket to said rear wall; and

(d) activating said lamp means by said switch means to provide lighting

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inside said computer case.

20. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 19, wherein said base bracket has an opening, and said switch means extends out from said opening; thereby said activating said lamp means can be performed from outside of said rear wall of said computer case.

21. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 19 further comprising the step of securing said base bracket at a transverse outer end thereof to said rear wall of said computer.

22. (Currently amended) A device for the illumination of an interior of a case of a personal computer, comprising:

(a) a base bracket for attaching said device to an inside of said computer case, said base bracket having the general geometry of an expansion slot cover bracket and an opening around a center of said base bracket; wherein said base bracket can be inserted and secured to a space for said expansion slot cover bracket on a rear wall of said computer case, thereby positioning said device inside said computer case;

(b) self-contained power means and a housing thereof secured to an inner surface of said base bracket; said power means providing electricity to said device independent of a power supply of said computer;

(c) a flexible lamp neck having one end thereof extending from said housing of said power means and in electrical communication with said power means;

(d) a lamp in electrical communication with an opposite end of said lamp neck; and

(e) switch means connected to said power means, said switch means extending out from said opening of said base bracket and being accessible from

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outside of said rear wall of said computer case.

23. (Previously presented) The device as recited in Claim 22, wherein said lamp further comprises a heat shield.

24. (Previously presented) The device as recited in Claim 23, wherein said flexible lamp neck has a length from 12 to 24 inches.

25. (Previously presented) The device as recited in Claim 24, wherein said power means comprises a battery.

26. (Previously presented) The device as recited in Claim 25, wherein said battery is rechargeable.